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**MARRIAGES.**

On 28th October, at Kensington, LANCETOR GILES, H. B. M.'s China Consular Service, to MARY, only daughter of Dr. R. M. SCOTT, Staff Inspector, Board of Education.

On 2nd December, J. J. WOODHURST to EDITH MITCHELL (Shanghai).

**DEATH.**

On 7th December, at St. Andrew's General Hospital, HERMANN TRAUTMANN.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 10A, DES VEXES ROAD C. LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

**The Daily Press.**

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 12TH, 1905.

Some three years ago, speaking of the appointment of Admiral ALEXANDER to what was practically the Satrapy of Eastern Siberia—the being free from accountability to the Government of Russia, and answerable only to the Tsar in person—we drew a comparison with the decay of the ancient Persian regime owing in a great measure to the want of efficient control over the distant satrapies; and ventured on the forecast that the long line of empire, stretching as it did from the Baltic to the Japan Sea, was already overweighed at the extremities, and that the new appointment of a practically irresponsible chief over the eastern extremity would in time lead to the fracture of the slender connecting rod between St. Petersburg and Vladivostok. We pointed to the glaring manner in which the military commanders in Central Asia had openly contravened the plainest orders of the responsible Government at home, and had in consequence plunged the Empire in a series of costly and unproductive wars, which had already seriously hampered the financial stability of the State; and owing to the extent of the new territory overrun, as well as to the practical dissolution of the bonds of discipline, were threatening its very existence. Already the action of Admiral ALEXANDER was leading up to still further encroachments, and towards this

the conduct of the Tsar himself, then under the influence of the dangerous adventurer BESOTMASOFF, was directly leading. The war, even then impending, however successful it might be in its immediate effects, could have but one eventual result; and that was the still further disintegration of an empire whose solidarity was already dangerously affected by the outgrowth of unassimilated accretions on every side.

How this system has affected the well-being of Russia we may judge from some statistics given before the late war by a not unfriendly critic, WOLF VON SCHERERBRAND. Speaking of the advancing impoverishment of the fertile lands in European Russia, he says:—"Three main reasons for it are cited: the lack of all earnings save by agricultural labour; the enforced idleness during one half of the year; and the excessive rate of taxation, taking away from this district in taxes much more than given back by the state in one form or other. This last point is undeniable. In the Central district an annual average of 106.4 roubles is taken from the peasantry in taxes, and only 42.8 millions is returned in improvements. As for the East the taxes were 780 millions, and the returns 592 millions. But in the South we find similar figures, namely, 122.6 millions taken out, and only 64.8 millions returned."

How the political landscape assumes an entirely different aspect as seen from the West or the East of the Urals is curiously shown in a recently published book by an Englishman who visited the Altai, partly on business, partly to enjoy the mountain climbing, in the winter of 1903. What WOLF SCHERERBRAND, looking from Central Russia, considered one of the potent reasons of the decay of Russia, Mr. TUCKER, the English writer referred to, looked upon as an example of political wisdom. He tells us:—"The impartial reader will perceive that the paternal Russian Government, at whose methods in our insular complacency we are so apt to smile, has already effected much for the peasantry, and will effect more. As a mere matter of fact it has done more for Siberia than our own enlightened Government has done for the sister island, with her glorious agricultural possibilities."

"Russia has wisely selected a practical and admirable method of education and one admirably suited to the necessities of the case. She is gradually introducing the Siberian peasant to the means of obtaining a better livelihood, and so achieving all and more than our western methods have accomplished in the case, say, of the half-educated, intellectually misdirected products of our Board School system. These subsidised co-operative dairies manufacture an article of very uniform quality, while the quantity fluctuates between 15 and 20 cwt. per week, representing the amount of cream supplied by from five to ten skinning stations." We do not belong to that extreme wing of the free-trade faddists who would scintillate a crime in thus fostering an infant industry; and the picture drawn is a very pretty and instructive one. It, however, has a reverse: WOLF SCHERERBRAND shall be our guide again. Describing the condition of the peasantry in Central Russia he draws a fearful picture. Encouraged by the general management of the liquor monopoly in the hands of his Government, almost the whole of the miserable earnings he can call his own after paying his taxes are spent on vodka. "To get an idea of this it is but necessary to remark that the cost per head to the peasant for the liquor that he consumes means an annual outlay of three roubles sixty-five kopeks, and that the Government takes of this sum, in the form of taxes, two roubles twenty-five kopeks. Therefore while the peasant spends over one-tenth of the total earnings of himself and family on liquor, the Government makes him pay for it about 130 per cent. more than it costs. Novikoff's report, to which repeated reference has been made, describes graphically the utter desolation and misery of the average peasant's family. Reading his pages it seems, indeed, a miracle how one hundred millions of human beings, living under a form of Christianity, and a Government which prides itself on the term "paternal" can have patiently borne for so many years such frightful conditions without a murmur. In the 'Black-earth belt' mortality has increased at a frightful rate, and the population figure remains stationary." "It is not astonishing that the Russian peasantry in the 'Black earth band' of late are emigrating both to Siberia and to the border provinces. By tens of thousands they annually leave their villages to settle on virgin land in Western Siberia; and yet the provinces they leave were endowed by nature with extremely fertile

soil, and the density of population, even in these central provinces, is to-day less than half that of Germany. But the peasant in the Centre is steadily degenerating. The annual recruiting for the army shows that plainly. The number of men found unfit for military service is large, and constantly increasing. High in deficient width of chest and in lesser height he forms a striking contrast with the Russian living under more propitious conditions."

The reason of this is not far to seek, and coincides with the recent mania for territorial expansion, but territorial expansion, even by Russia, costs money, and the money has to be raised by foreign loans. So long as the advance goes on, the officials in the East care little for the burdens of the country, and the feeble aversion Government in Europe dare not, even if it wished, exercise any control or restrain its expansion. So St. Petersburg has to find the coin, and the difficulty has been gradually, year by year, increasing. Unfortunately Russia has few resources, and the wretched peasant in the once productive "Black soil belt" finds all the burden thrown on his already overweighed shoulders, while his more fortunate fellow in Siberia, where wasteful agriculture has not as yet destroyed the productivity of the land, is momentarily enriched, till he in turn has to pay toll for some new advance. A few statistics will show how real is the decay. This rests on unquestionable authority. The Moscow *Vyedomosti* in 1898 contained a full report, based entirely upon official sources, of the rapidly progressing exhaustion of the soil in the huge Volga district, a couple of decades previously virgin soil, but already, under the "robber system" of the Russian farmer, become deficient in nutritive elements. From 1883 to 1892 the average yield of winter wheat had fallen from 31 pood per dessyatine to 26.5; spring wheat from 34.7 to 25.5; rye from 41.7 to 30.4, and all others in proportion; or an average decrease in the production of the soil of no less than 30 per cent. and the annual decrease is still continuous. Nor, and herein lies, perhaps, the most disheartening portion of the decrease, is it to be altogether attributed to the defects of the peasant himself: the mistaken policy of the Government which, in order to stimulate the most readily saleable export wheat—has practically compelled the farmer to confine himself to the production of this one crop, year in year out. The Russian is by no means so great a fool as many of his most fervid admirers would make out. He does not, at all events, present his inquisitive visitors with a ROENIGER apparatus to view the skeleton within; and the man who only sees one side of the country is in no position to judge of the conditions prevailing in the great centre, but seldom visited by the stranger. This is, of course, the reason why no two accounts of the present position of the land can be found to agree; but a policy of vacillation tempered by outbreaks of savage repression has never yet in history saved a nation from extinction.

The historic "Board of Rites" has been abolished.

The *N.C. Daily News* says of the Ewo Cotton Co's report that it is "splendid."

The Chinese Commission (to study foreign governments) is to leave Shanghai on the s.s. *Sberia* on the 18th inst.

Mr. R. W. Pullen, who succeeds the late Mr. Ward as organist at the Shanghai Cathedral, has arrived at his post.

The Manchuria negotiations between China and Japan are drawing to a close, and reports indicate that they are mutually satisfactory, and that the rumours of excessive demands by Japan must have been baseless.

The Chinese (Missionary) Recorder in its editorial comment on the Lienchow massacre says: "We would refrain from comment on the causes or details of the massacre until we learn the finding of the commission of enquiry."

The *Palestine*, one of the P. & O. intermediaries, which arrived from Europe yesterday had an unusually long list of passengers—59 adults and 9 children in the first saloon; 30 adults and 9 children travelling second and third class; and 141 naval details.

The Russian troops in northern Manchuria, not having enough provisions on account of the internal troubles of Russia, have become disordered and are plundering the Chinese at will. A Peking telegram to the *N.C. Daily News* says the Chinese authorities have protested to the Russians.

The interrupt of the telegraphic service owing to the revolution in Russia is preventing communication between the Russian Government and its representative at Peking just when it is most desired to be in daily touch. It is hard on M. Pokotiloff, but the Japanese cannot be expected to grieve at it.

Hongkong imported from America, in 1905, cotton cloths value \$52,968 (gold) mineral oil value \$657,416, and wheat flour value \$1,570,436. The respective figures in 1904 were, \$24,157, \$1,482,339 and \$2,917,811.

A self-lubricating bunk for the prevention of sea-sickness, which has been experimented with for some time past on the Dover-Calais service, has been found so successful that it is proposed to install it on all the steamers.

The Irish drama, "The Shaughraun," again attracted many playgoers to St. Patrick's Club last evening, and judging by their reception of the play the audience had nothing but encomiums to pass on the V. A. D. C.

At Kowloon yesterday afternoon, eight lots of Crown land were offered for sale by public auction by Mr. L. C. Ross, Government Surveyor. Although a large number of Chinese (probably intending purchasers) were present, no bids were offered, the general opinion being that prices were too high.

Return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 10th December, 1905:

	Library	Museum
Non-Chinese	274	117
Chinese	121	2,167
Total	499	2,284

A message received from Honolulu early this morning (*Japan Advertiser* November 28) says that the Russian converted cruiser *Lena*, which left San Francisco on October 31 direct for Vladivostok, had put into Honolulu with half its crew in irons because of an attempted mutiny on board shortly after leaving San Francisco. According to the report of the captain, who came ashore to get aid of Honolulu authorities immediately upon anchoring, his men imbibed their spirit of disloyalty from Russian Socialists in San Francisco during the vessel's internment at that port. Hardly had the *Lena* cleared for Vladivostok when evidences of mutiny appeared. Without waiting for open revolt the captain clapped all suspected mutineers in irons and kept the rest of the crew subdued by a display of force.

The following note from the *Nanfangshao* shows the stiff-necked attitude of China.—Out of consideration of the great sacrifices on the part of Japan in the late war, the Chinese Government has consented to the transference of the lease of the Liaotung Peninsula, but Prince Ching, and his colleagues refuse the demand of Japan to extend the Chinese Eastern Railway. With regard to the Fushun coal mines, since they are Japan's spoils of war, the Chinese decide to allow her to retain them. Baron Komura promises to evacuate Manchuria gradually, but says the question of the railway guards must be considered later. The Japanese plenipotentiaries stand firm in their demand for permission to establish telegraphs and post-offices in Manchuria, their plea being that China permits the existence of such institutions within her boundaries anyway.

A revised pattern of postal order which has been devised with a view to greater convenience and with the object of affording increased security against fraud is to be issued at an early date in England, and they will presumably in due course be obtainable in Hongkong. These new orders will be for every sixpence from 3d. to 20s. and also for 21s. Spaces will be provided in which postage stamps used to make up broken amounts (not exceeding 5d.) must be affixed; and no credit will be allowed for stamps affixed on other parts of the order. These spaces will be three in number, and it will be arranged for the counter clerks selling postal orders to keep a stock of the requisite stamps. The orders will be printed on paper having a somewhat better writing surface, and orders of 40s. and upwards will be printed in red instead of blue.

#### FRENCH CONVENT BAZAAR.

The annual bazaar and sale of work in connection with the French Convent opened at its institution yesterday, when the many beautiful specimens of skillful needlework by the children of the convent were exhibited. These comprised embroidery, cushions and various other knickknacks attractive to womankind. Besides, there were numerous Japanese articles and a collection of French dolls. The modest price attached to each article ought to warrant the success of so deserving an object. H. E. the Governor has promised to visit the bazaar, and will be in attendance this afternoon.

#### SHIPPING COMPANIES AND ARMY TRANSPORT.

The *Japan Daily Mail* says:—"In the *Kokumin Shinbun* we find some interesting facts as to the transport service during the war. It appears that the number of steamers over 1,000 tons employed habitually by the Military Authorities was 118, with an aggregate tonnage of 320,000 tons; and in times of special stress the number rose to 158 with a tonnage of 420,000. As to the Navy, it employed regularly 61 vessels, displacing 180,000 tons, and at times 76 vessels displacing 230,000 tons. Thus the total figures are 179 steamers with a displacement of 490,000 tons in ordinary times, 234 steamers displacing 620,000 tons in time of emergency. Steamers of 100 tons and over constituted 80 per cent of the transport fleet. The Navy took the best ships, many of them being employed as auxiliary cruisers. Moreover, experience showed that vessels most suitable for army transport best purposes are not large and fast passenger steamers, but on the contrary, small vessels, with great beam, several decks, numerous hatches and powerful winches. In fact old-fashioned ships from 25 to 30 years of age proved eminently serviceable. Our contemporary thinks that these facts should be kept carefully in view, and that subsidies are granted heretofore to shipping companies, they should be required to have their steamers built with a view to the requirements of military transport."

## TELEGRAMS.

["DAILY PRESS" EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]

#### SHIPPING COMBINE.

LONDON, 11th December. The fusion is announced of the Hamburg-America and North German Lloyd Steamship Companies. Herr Ballin, dictator, expected.

#### OBITUARY.

LONDON, 11th December. Sir Richard Claverhouse Jebb is dead.

Sir Richard Claverhouse Jebb, D.C.L., LL.D., Lett. D., was created a knight in 1901. He was Regius Professor of Greek since 1889; M.P. (conservative) Cambridge University since 1891; Hon. Professor ancient history Royal Academy since 1893; and a trustee of the British Museum since 1903. He was born in Dundee on the 27th August 1841, and educated at St. Columba's College, Rathfriland, Ireland, and Cambridge. He was a member of the Royal Commission on Secondary Education, 1894; Royal Commission on Irish University Education, 1901; Member of Consultative Committee of Board of Education, 1900; President of London Hellenic Society; Fellow of London University, 1897; and a member of the London University Commission of 1898.

#### THE RUSSIAN STRIKES.

LONDON, 11th December. Count de Witte has gone over to the Reactionaries, probably under stress.

A general armed strike is expected to occur early in January.

#### BRAZIL DEMANDS AN EXPLANATION.

LONDON, 11th December. Brazil has demanded an explanation of the territorial violation by German gunboats.

The United States is ready to intervene.

#### THE LIBERAL CABINET.

LONDON, 10th December. H. M. the King signified to-day (Sunday) his approval of the new Cabinet, which is formed as follows: Lord High Chancellor.....Sir R. T. Reid. First Lord of Treasury Sir H. Campbell.

Bannerman, Lord President of Council.....Earl of Crewe. Lord Privy Seal.....Earl of Ripon. Home Secretary.....Rt. Hon. H. J. Gladstone. Foreign Secretary.....Sir Edward Grey. Colonial Secretary.....Earl of Elgin. Secretary for War.....Rt. Hon. R. B. Haldane. Secretary for India.....Rt. Hon. John Morley. Chancellor of Exchequer Rt. Hon. H. Asquith. First Lord of Admiralty.....Lord Tweedmouth. Secretary for Scotland.....Capt. J. Sinclair. President Board of Trade.....Mr. Lloyd-George. Local Govt. Board.....Mr. John Burns. Bd. of Agriculture.....Earl Carrington. Board of Education.....Mr. A. Birrell. Postmaster General.....Mr. S. C. Buxton. Chancellor, Duchy of Lancaster.....Sir H. Fowler. Secretary for Ireland.....Rt. Hon. Jas. Bryce.

#### TWO TYPICAL DECREES.

The *N.C. Daily News* thus translates two typical Chinese Imperial Decrees, dated Dec. 5:

(1) Decree refusing request of the Board of Punishments to lighten the sentence of a female prisoner condemned to be strangled for murder, and handing the officials of that Board, concerned in preferring the request, over to the Board of Civil Appointments for the determination of adequate penalties for breach of etiquette.

(2) Decree commanding that fifteen large sticks of Tibetan incense be sent to Liu Ching-yung, Commander-in-Chief of the Kiangpoh region, to be offered in the name of the Emperor before the altars of the Dragon river gods, as a token of Imperial gratitude for the peaceful state of the lakes and rivers in that region since the fall of frost.

#### LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. str. *Della* left Singapore for this port on the 10th inst. at 8 a.m., with the outward English mails, and is due here on the 15th inst. about noon.

The I.G.M. str. *Gaiensan*, carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 21st Nov., left Colombo on Friday, p.m., and may be expected here on Wednesday, the 20th inst.

The J.C.-J. Lijn str. *Tijpwas* left Macassar for this port on the 10th inst., and may be expected here on the 18th inst.

The D. & O. str. *Malacca* left Singapore for this port on the 11th inst. at noon.

The Boston Co's str. *Shawmut* sailed from Seattle on the 8th inst. for Hongkong via the usual ports. The C.P.E. str. *Tartar* left Yokohama on Saturday, the 9th inst. p.m., for Victoria and Vancouver. The I.G.M. str. *Prinz Eitel Friedrich*, which left here on Wednesday a.m., arrived at Shanghai on Friday at 11 p.m. The I.G.M. str. *Prinz Regent Luitpold*, which left here on Wednesday at noon, arrived at Singapore on Sunday at 1 p.m.

## THE EWO COTTON SPINNING AND WEAVING CO., LD.

The report for presentation at the tenth ordinary meeting of shareholders to be held December 16th, is as follows:— The general managers have now the pleasure to submit to the shareholders the audited statements of accounts to the 31st of October, 1905, showing the result of twelve months' working to that date.

During the year under review there has been an ample supply of good cotton and an active demand for our yarns, conditions which have resulted in the industry of spinning generally being a much more prosperous one than we have been in a position to review in previous reports. The balance at credit of profit and loss account is Tls. 253,085.14, to which Tls. to be added Tls. 12,844.76, carried from last year, making available a sum of Tls. 265,930.90, which it is recommended should be dealt with as follows:—

	Tls.
To pay a dividend of Tls. 8.00 per share on 15,000 shares	120,000.00
To carry forward to new account a credit of	100,000.00
To transfer to renewals and repairs account	45,930.90
<b>Tls. 265,930.90</b>	

Consulting Committee.—In accordance with Article XVII, the members of the Consulting Committee retire but all are eligible, and offer themselves for re-election.

Auditor.—Mr. Wingrove has audited the accounts of the company, and his re-election to the position requires the confirmation of the shareholders.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers. Shanghai, 1st December, 1905.

#### STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

For year ending 31st October, 1905.

Liabilities	Tls.
Capital—Authorised 20,000 shares at Tls. 50—Tls. 1,000,000: subscribed 15,000 at Tls. 50	750,000.00
Jardine Matheson & Co.	43,000.00
Accounts payable	51,389.43
Uncollected dividends	2,144.00
Sundry creditors	2,330.75
Profit and loss	265,930.90
<b>Tls. 1,115,004.03</b>	

Assets	Tls.
Property	138,669.85
Buildings	299,619.32
Plant	367,138.54
Water supply	4,220.81
Furniture	3,519.23
Mill stores	13,603.00
Cotton stock	77,350.11
Cotton and yarn in process	35,924.22
Yarn stock	148,065.97
Unexpended Fire Insurance premia	5,022.50
Rates and taxes	422.19
Accounts receivable	18,545.32
Advances against seed cotton	2,901.86
<b>Tls. 1,115,004.08</b>	

#### PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Dr.	Tls.
To interest account	18,205.80
" Fire Insurance	17,725.26
" Rates and taxes	2,627.01
" Repairs and renewals	19,675.32
" Director's fees	3,400.00
" Auditor's fees	250.00
" General managers' commission on net profits, 10 per cent. on Tls. 281,216.82	28,121.68
" Balance	265,930.90
<b>Tls. 554,947.97</b>	

Cr.	Tls.
To Balance from last year	12,414.76
" Balance of Working account	342,535.21
" Transfer fees	115.00
<b>Tls. 354,944.97</b>	

E. & O. E. Shanghai, 23rd November, 1905. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

#### THE GRIFFINS.

As they were landed from the s.s. *Choy Sang* on Saturday, the thirteen new griffins imported for next year's races had not the appearance of being able to provide much sport for a Hongkong gathering. They were a straggling looking mob, but a number of them had the fiery eyes which bespeak determination. They had all passed the time test at Shanghai however, therefore they must be up to the usual standard; and within a month's time, says Mr. Gegg, they will be unrecognisable.

The drawing at the Horse Repository resulted as follows:—

No. 1 (grey), Mr. Dabington; No. 2 (iron-grey), Sir Paul Chater; No. 3 (grey), Mr. G. C. Moxon; No. 4 (chestnut), H.E. Sir Matthew Nathan; No. 5 (grey), Mr. Bolles; No. 6 (grey), Mr. Jupp; No. 7 (chestnut), Mr. Haymer; No. 8 (dan), Mr. Cruickshank; No. 9 (grey), Mr. Craig; No. 10 (bay), Capt. Leslie; No. 11 (grey), Mr. C. W. Dickson; No. 12 (black), Mr. A. Dorabjee; No. 13 (black), Mr. Macdonald.

The ponies will be started training this week, and will be in readiness should the rumoured "Sky" meeting come off during the stay here of Prince Arthur of Connaught and suit. In Mr. Gegg's opinion Mr. Jupp's grey is the flower of the flock.

It is still feared that there will be some difficulty in obtaining the requisite number of griffins; but some seven more have passed the time test, and will be en route for Hongkong shortly. With the exception of H.E. the Governor's and Captain Arbutnot's ponies, the remainder have been left at the horse repository. The two in question are being looked after in his Excellency's stables.

Latest advices from Corea say that the discontent with the Japanese overlordship is not of an effective nature.



## SUPREME COURT.

Monday, 11th December.

## IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE MR. A. G. WISE (PUNISHMENT JUDGE).

## A QUESTION OF COSTS.

In the case in which the Club Lusitano sued J. M. Xavier to recover the sum of \$30, the summons had been previously withdrawn, but his Lordship had to decide as to costs.

Mr. E. J. Grist (of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist) appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. P. W. Goldring (of Messrs. Bratton, Hett and Goldring) represented the defendant.

His Lordship—Well, Mr. Goldring, haven't you settled up this serious question of costs?

Mr. Goldring—No, my Lord, we have not had much opportunity owing to the holiday. The question is whether they should pay our costs, the money having been paid by a third party without the knowledge of the defendant.

His Lordship—What is the trouble behind this?

Mr. Grist—So far as I can see this is simply an action brought for the amount of refreshments supplied, and the subscription due by a member to the Club. When this was signed by a man he ought to meet them. Altogether, there was an amount of \$2 owing, and that has been paid. So far as I am concerned, the matter is at an end. With regard to costs, I am prepared to waive them.

His Lordship (to Mr. Goldring)—I cannot do anything for you now.

Mr. Goldring—Won't my client be entitled to his costs?

His Lordship—Oh, no. I won't give either of you costs. Drop the whole thing; it seems to me that it is a petty affair. I don't know whether any ill-feeling or bad blood exists between the parties, but there must be some trouble.

Mr. Grist—Even if there is, we should keep it out of this case.

His Lordship—Very well. By consent the case is withdrawn. I think that is best, as I am certain there is something behind it, and you would probably be washing dirty linen before you had done.

## A CROSS-ACTION.

The case was continued in which Ching Kwai Wan, trader, claimed from Leung Wai Ting, alias Chin Chin Tong, the sum of \$9, being balance due on account of medicine pills sold and delivered.

In the cross-action the previous defendant claimed from the plaintiff the sum of \$20, money lent.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada e Castro represented the plaintiff in the first action and the defendant in the second, while Mr. R. A. Harding appeared for the defendant in the first and the plaintiff in the second.

Mr. d'Almada closed his case on the previous day.

In opening his, Mr. Harding said there were two points to consider. The first was, whether there was previous to July, a transaction between the two parties leaving a balance due for which the document he was using on was given. Secondly whether the defendant supplied the pills referred to and whether the document the plaintiff put in was in payment on account of pills. The plaintiff, a merchant carrying on business in Canton, was a partner in the Nam Leung Hing and sole proprietor of the Tong Kee with a capital of \$20,000. He dealt in general merchandise, and had been in the habit of sending goods to Hongkong for sale.

He was also the custodian of the funds of his native village, and in January of this year a farmer from that village told him it was necessary to arm against robbers and asked him to arrange for the supply of rifles. As he had no means of obtaining these he went to see a brother-in-law of the defendant's, Ho Kin San, who carried on business in Canton. He informed him that the defendant carried on business in Hongkong, and said that he could arrange with him for the supply of the rifles. Accordingly Ho Kin San, the farmer and the plaintiff visited Hongkong about the end of the year and went to see the defendant at the office of the Fuk Sing. The defendant said he could supply the rifles, but would require a deposit of \$200. On the 26th January he paid the deposit and returned to Canton. In March 1905 the rifles had not been delivered, so he returned to Hongkong to see the defendant, who then said he could not deliver them. He applied for the return of the \$200 deposit, but the defendant stated that he had only retained \$100, and that his brother-in-law had the other \$100. The plaintiff was advised to obtain the \$100 in the possession of Ho Kin San, and then return and the defendant would hand over the other \$100. He obtained the money from Ho, and on again applying to the defendant received \$50, leaving a balance due of \$50. Subsequently the plaintiff again visited Hongkong and went to the defendant's shop. There he was threatened with arrest for theft and brought this action.

His Lordship—Who is the rebel?

Mr. d'Almada—My friend's client.

His Lordship—Someone is, I can see.

Continuing, Mr. Harding said his client did not deal in pills. He had never ordered those in question, and never had them.

The case was adjourned.

A Tokyo telegram to the N.C. Daily News dated Dec. 6 says—The Crown Prince will leave Yokohama on Friday on board the cruiser *Yamato*, which will be accompanied by the cruiser *Kasagi*, to attend the launch of the *Yokohama*, the first armoured, and the largest, cruiser ever built in Japan. The launch takes place on the 12th inst. at Kure. Admirals Yamamoto and Togo are also attending.

## POLICE COURT.

Monday, 11th December.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND (FIRST POLICE MAGISTRATE).

## RITIOUS RUSSIANS.

Four Russian bluejackets were charged with disorderly conduct at Blako Pier, on Sunday. They were very drunk, smashed the richness in which they had ridden, chased the Chinese, throw oranges about the street and created something like pandemonium for some time. When the police arrived the sailors gave such a determined resistance that assistance had to be obtained before they could be taken into custody. Two Europeans, two Indians, an American marine and a hukong had to lead a hand in taking them to the lock-up. The first man, Runji Steyen, was fined \$5 and ordered to pay \$1.40 compensation, the others being fined \$5.

## LARCENY FROM THE GAOL.

A most impudent theft was exposed by Mr. Craig, superintendent at Victoria Gaol. Ko Tai, had been engaged by a house cooie there to act as deputy while the latter went on a holiday. On Sunday Ko Tai stole jewellery and other articles from the premises to the value of \$100, but was detected by the house cooie as he was hearing the steamer for Canton. He was arrested and found wearing one of the stolen rings, while other articles were recovered from a pawnshop. He was sentenced to six months' hard labour and six hours in the stocks.

## RETURNING FROM BANISHMENT.

Ng Yau for returning from banishment was sentenced to one year's imprisonment and six hours in the stocks.

## BOARDING HOUSE RUNNERS.

The Water Police are still waging a vigorous warfare against boarding house runners. Two more natives being summoned for making fast to the Pak Lai and impeding that vessel's progress. They were each fined \$30.

## NOISY BLUEJACKETS.

Two bluejackets named Dowling and Regan were summoned for being drunk and disorderly. The former was not only noisy in a brothel in Ship Street, but damaged the property and assaulted the police. For this he had to pay a fine of \$10 and \$4 compensation. Regan was also disorderly and damaged property in a brothel in Ship Street, and assaulted a woman. He was fined \$10 and ordered to pay \$1.40 compensation.

## SEEKING ESCAPE FROM TROUBLE.

A native charged by Inspector McDonald with being in unlawful possession of four pieces of silver, when asked if he had jumped into the harbour that morning, smilingly acknowledged that he had. He explained his conduct by having lost gold belonging to his master in Canton. There was fighting and trouble everywhere and he jumped into the harbour to escape it. His intention was to commit suicide but a boatwoman rescued him. He was remanded for a week to be medically examined.

## THEFT FROM A STEAMER.

Leung Sang an unemployed cooie was found on board the *Po Wen* early on Sunday morning with a bundle of clothing stolen from one of the passengers. He made off, running on board another steamer lying alongside Canton wharf whither he was pursued and arrested. Sentenced to three weeks' hard labour and six hours in the stocks.

## A DRUNKEN SEAMAN.

William Paterson, an unemployed seaman, was convicted of being drunk and disorderly on Saturday and was fined \$5.

## SELLING HIS DAUGHTER.

Leung Shun, charged with kidnapping a girl, told the magistrate that she was his own daughter. Inspector Collett said defendant had, under section 32 of the Girls' and Women's Protection Ordinances, given up lawful care and charge of his daughter for a money consideration. The magistrate fixed the hearing of the charge for Thursday.

## ALLEGED ARSON.

A charge of arson was preferred against Kwok Fat and Li Kat Hin, who were accused of having wilfully set fire to the premises occupied by them at 42 Des Vaux Road West on November 22nd.

Mr. Hursthouse, from the Crown Solicitor's Office, prosecuted on behalf of the Meiji Insurance Co. and Prussian National Insurance Co., while Mr. O. D. Thomson appeared for both defendants.

Mr. Hursthouse, in opening, said the two defendants were charged with wilfully and maliciously setting fire to 42 Des Vaux Road with intent to injure and defraud the Insurance Companies. The circumstances were that there was a firm called the Wing Fook Tai which had an office at 246 Des Vaux Road, and they had also a shop with a small godown at 42 Des Vaux Road. The principal office was at the former address and the goods, such as they were, were stored at the latter. On the night of the 22nd November, near mid-night, the second defendant Li Kat Hin, was seen by a police constable walking up and down opposite the scene of the fire. This was just a few minutes before the fire. The constable took notice of the man, but as he appeared to be respectfully dressed, nothing was said or done. The constable had moved away from the place a little distance when there was an alarm of fire. Later, when the second defendant was brought into the Police Station the constable recognised him as the man he had seen walking in front of the burned premises. The first defendant was seen running out of the burning building when the alarm of fire was given. The Fire Brigade were quickly in attendance and a Chinese detective from No. 7 Police Station reached the spot in time to see the first defendant coming out of the burning building. He immediately gave chase and caught him after running some distance.

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tance. When arrested the godown book was found in his possession. Some time afterwards this detective with other constables went to the premises at 246 Des Vaux Road, where they found the second defendant and obtained a number of books connected with the shop, showing, among other things, the capital of the business. The original capital was \$80,000 but the books showed that a considerable portion of that had been repaid or withdrawn by the partners within a month or so preceding the fire. The books also showed that there must have been a considerable loss within a month or two before the fire. The godown book showed certain goods which ought to have been in the godown. He proposed to call evidence to the effect that, broadly speaking, nothing like that quantity of goods was in the godown at the time of the fire. Now, as to the fire itself, when the Fire Brigade arrived, they found that there were several distinct fires burning. He did not know that any one witness could swear absolutely to the whole lot, but taking the evidence collectively, his Worship would be able to see that it must have been set alight in at least five different places. The reason why they made that suggestion would be apparent when his Worship looked at the plan. At one side of the shop, on the right hand side, a weighing machine was seen alight when one witness went there. A few feet further on there was a table alight, and beyond that was a bedstead burning, while on the other side was the staircase on fire. Between all these was room for a person to pass but otherwise there was nothing to connect these various small fires. Further back they found another fire, while, on a ladder being procured, a separate conflagration was discovered. From this were seen drops of fire, evidently oil, or some other liquid, falling to the floor. As to the insurance, the premises were insured in the two companies mentioned, in one for \$13,000 and in the other for \$12,000.

Formal evidence having been given by an assistant engineer in the Public Works Department that the plan submitted was accurate, and by the representatives of the two insurance companies, who produced the policies, Mr. L. Lummett, valuer and appraiser, spoke, to visiting the premises at 42 Des Vaux Road on 2nd December at the request of the representatives of the Meiji Insurance Company, and expressed the opinion that the goods stored there prior to the fire could not have exceeded \$1,000 worth. The hearing was adjourned.

BEFORE MR. C. D. MELBOURNE (ACTING SECOND POLICE MAGISTRATE).

## THE LAICHIKOK MURDER.

The charge against three Indians, Mawar Kan, Rahn Deen and Chanin Ullah of murdering a fellow countryman, who had been employed as a watchman, and whose body was found floating in a box at Laichikok, was resumed. Mr. Morrell conducted the case for the prosecution and Mr. O. D. Thomson appeared for the defence.

A Chinese woman stated that she saw the box in question taken from the wharf. The case was adjourned till to-day.

## "THE WILD MAN FROM SINGAPORE."

A *Straits Times* correspondent writing from England has matter of interest for those who have been long exiled. He says: "The charm and holy quiet of the average English village after the war. The labourer gets to his work at dawn and returns at dusk, the grey-haired parson drones away in the worn-out pulpit just the same, the school-children lob up and down with a 'Good-day Sir', the Square visits his family and looks very wise when discussing that portentous question with farmer Hodge as to the reduction of rent. And so it goes on! No change whatever. Not even a new house within the last ten years. The village never spreads, it remains where it is and generations succeed each other doing exactly the same thing, quite content that the square and the parson should hold the reins of Government."

A wild man from Singapore entering a village of some two hundred people is an event for much talk. They were told that he was of sight and every action is observed with curiosity. My friend as one who lived along side the river told me that he had seen him. He said he had a set of lantern slides and appeared in the Parish Hall you people out there might well have envied me. Nobody, of course, knew where Singapore is, it is quite enough to know that it was in India and infested with tigers that walked into your bed room at night and ate you and the snakes frequently jumped out when you turned the bedclothes down. I hope the English peasantry will never change, they are one of the country's charms.

In travelling on the various railway lines one notices the changes—luxurious changes that have taken place within the last decade. On the G. W. R. for example the third class passenger is provided with a corridor car, decorated with charming views of places on the line, a regular for decreasing or increasing the temperature at will is just over his head, the attendant steps in with a saucer and says "Will you want luncheon, sir." Lavatories are well fitted up and the cushions have spring seats. It is quite fashionable to travel third. You will meet Bishops, judges, editors, and even millionaires in the third class so that it is a puzzle to know who travels in the first class. In France they tell you that it is only fools who go first, *colets* in the second and wise men third. In any case the railway does so comfortable as it attracts thousands who would have to stay at home that cannot afford first-class on long journeys. All the lines have followed this policy and seem to be outwitting each other in the matter of comfort for the travelling public at the cheapest rate.

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## ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

Club Races, Sunday, Dec. 10.

## CHAMPIONSHIP.

In this class the *Dione* led the whole time, although *Eleph* and *Vernon* made a good fight with her and were never more than a couple of minutes behind. Times—

	H. M. S.
<i>Dione</i> .....	1 37 12
<i>Vernon</i> .....	1 38 10
<i>Eleph</i> .....	1 34 40

## ONE DESIGN.

*Min*, *Benito*, and *Colleen* got away to a very level start, but *Kathleen* was nearly half a minute late in crossing the line. On the reach to Trocas Rock Buoy, *Min* did best and was nearly three minutes ahead of *Kathleen* in rounding the order being *Min*, *Colleen*, *Benito*, and *Kathleen*. On the run to the mark beat off Green Island, this order was maintained, *Kathleen*, however, closing on *Benito*. On the beat back, *Min* still kept her lead. *Colleen* going too far into Stonecutters, dropped right back, and was passed by *Benito* and *Kathleen*, these two rounding close together. On the run to the Fairway Buoy, *Kathleen* passed *Benito* and still further reduced *Min*'s lead. The water was smoother during the return beat, and *Kathleen* went very well, and made the mark boat in one long reach from Stonecutters, *Min*, tacking twice, beat her by a few seconds. Times—

	H. M. S.
<i>Min</i> .....	1 55 45
<i>Kathleen</i> .....	1 56 12
<i>Benito</i> .....	1 59 23
<i>Colleen</i> .....	1 02 40

## HANDICAP CLASS.

In this class *Chanticleer* was again to the fore, winning comfortably on her time allowance. With *Alamoh* apparently not up to her old form, it is open to question whether *Chanticleer* does not get too much at present. Times—

	H. M. S.	H. M. S.	Corrected.
<i>Alamoh</i> .....	2 14 25	2 14 25 (3)	
<i>Chanticleer</i> .....	2 15 50	2 14 10 (1)	
<i>Gloria</i> .....	2 22 50	2 10 50 (2)	
<i>Dawn</i> .....	2 29 45	2 18 45	
<i>Spray</i> .....	2 31 00	2 16 00	

## STORM SIGNALS IN INDIA CHINA.

On and after the 1st January, 1906, a New Code of Storm Signals will come into force at the Semaphore Stations on the coast of French Indo China.

It is in all respects the same as the new Code which will on the same date be put into operation on the China Coast at the Signal Stations of the Chinese Imperial Customs, at Hongkong, Shanghai and Tsingtau, and which is already being used at Weihaiwei.

At the Semaphore stations on the coast of French Indo China, however, Series 2 has been supplemented with one, and Series 6 with eleven new phrases of local interest.

At these Stations, the weather signals will by day be distinguished by a Red Flag with a White Star flown from the main mast, and at night by a Red Light exhibited from the same place.

The following are the twelve phrases added to the Sineew Code:

- 261. Vigh to Touron. 633 Centre of Annam.
- 621 N.E. of Tongking. 631 S.W. of Annam.
- 631 N. of Tongking. 632 S. of Annam.
- 632 N.W. of Tongking. 634 E. of Cochin China.
- 641 N. of Annam. 634 N. of Cochin China.
- 642 N.W. of Annam. 361 W. of Cochin China.

The semaphores are at: Haiphong, Touron, Padaran and Cape S. James.

## THE GERMAN SHIPPING COMPANIES.

The *Straits Times* of November 28 says:—Much interest has been excited in local shipping circles to-day by the announcement that a rupture had occurred between the North German Lloyd S. S. Co. of Bremen and the Hamburg American Line of Hamburg. It is obvious that the trouble is in connection with the tremendous competition between the two lines for the Atlantic passenger trade, which rivalry has been recently accentuated by the Hamburg Line's starting the Ritz aurant and other superb attractions on that new mammoth floating palace, the *America*, which was described in these columns a few days ago. Whatever the precise nature of the split may be, it so far has no bearing upon the relations of the respective companies in this part of the world, and Messrs. Behn Meyer, the agents of both as concerns the Straits, have received no intimation of any trouble whatever, other than what appears in our special Berlin despatch. The statement in the latter that the Kaiser desires to maintain the prestige of Bremen as a rising port is, in the premises, rather obscure. The headquarters of the North German Lloyd Line are at Bremen, and those of the Hamburg-American Line are at Hamburg. For several past the two companies have been working in unison, and within the past few years such boats as the *H. A. liner Kiachka* (now the N. D. L. liner *Princess Alice*) was on the East Asia mail run, under the H. A. L. flag. She then ran "turn-about" with the N. D. L. boats on a joint schedule. About a year ago, the Hamburg-American line handed over its fast passenger boats to the North German Co. and took some cargo boats in exchange. The arrangement was that the N. D. L. took over all the passenger trade, and the Hamburg-American company received no Government subsidy whatever, but in consideration of running fast mail lines to Australia and Eastern Asia, the German Lloyds receive a mail subsidy of about £300,000 per annum. Neither line receives any subsidy at all on their Atlantic or other runs.

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## THE ACME OF HORROR.

FATE OF ODESSA JEWS.

The *Pail Mail Gazette* of Nov. 6 said:—Everything else among the news from Russia that has accumulated since Saturday is eclipsed by the Odessa abominations. We read of the St. Bartholomew and of the deeds of Alva's soldiers with the comfortable feeling that such things do not happen under Christian Governments nowadays; they are left to the Unspokeable Turk. But the worst "excesses" of the "Bashi-Bazouk or Kurd are not more horrible than the appalling outrages of the hoodlums mob at Odessa, at which every reader of this morning's papers will have shuddered with a rush of indignation against the open and flagrant police complicity in these atrocities against the Jews. The horrors of Odessa are only the climax of a tale of carnage that involves almost the whole of European Russia; and in which official law is everywhere implicated. If reaction is to perish, it will evidently die like a rabid tiger. Happily, there are signs even more hopeful than the sheer exhaustion. The St. Petersburg reformers have wisely abstained from giving Trepoft men any "provocation" by a demonstration at the funeral of victims; and in some high quarters wisdom is peeping out. M. Polidnostoff's successor's rebuke of the Metropolitan of Moscow, who had been joining the police in inciting to attacks on the reformers, is a salutary omen; and a wholesale dismissal of reactionary Governors is hinted at. May it include General Trepoft!

The news referred to read:—Terrible reports of the massacres in Odessa on Friday night have been telegraphed by Reuter's representative in the town. Bands of ruffians accompanied by policemen invaded all the Jewish houses and slaughtered the occupants. Men and women were felled and decapitated with axes. Children were torn limb from limb, and their brains dashed out against the walls. The streets were littered with the corpses which were hurled out of the windows. The houses of the murdered Jews were then systematically destroyed, and the Jewish population of the district was wiped out.

It is impossible to estimate the number of Jews killed in the rioting, but the total must be enormous. In the Jewish hospital on Saturday morning 375 wounded, most of the seriously wounded, were under treatment in the Municipal Hospital, 1,146 and at the different aid stations 682. The number of oligans killed is roughly 120. On Friday four waggon loads of killed, each containing 30 corpses, were driven to the cemeteries, and 180 bodies were removed on Saturday. A citizens' committee has been organized to relieve the distress.

A very Jewish bakery has been destroyed, and 60 families have been rendered homeless. Some of the ruffians put their victims to death by hammering nails into their heads. Eyes were gouged out, ears cut off, and tongues were wrenched out with pinners. Numbers of women were disembowelled. The aged and sick, who were found hidden in the cellars, were soaked in petroleum and burned alive in their homes.

Police and soldiers marched at the head of the bands, crying out, "The Jews have killed our Emperor and attacked the cathedral. They've murdered the Christians. Cut them all to pieces!" and leading the mob to the houses signalled out for destruction. The inhabitants of many houses purchased their liberty from the mob by paying the ceding policeman from 50 to 300 roubles (£5 to £3). The police would not allow any assistance to be given to the wounded, actually firing upon the Red Cross workers.

At an early hour yesterday morning the work of plunder was still being carried on in the more remote suburbs.

## CHINESE LEGISLATIVE REFORMS.

A Peking telegram to the N.C. Daily News on Dec. 3rd, says:—In the progress of the revision of the Laws of China, the Press Law has been drafted, and is now under consideration by the provincial officials, on receipt of whose report it will be submitted to the Throne for sanction.

The Laws relating to the issue of public loans, and the Copyright Laws will soon be completed.

The Commercial Code is now being perused by the French and German authorities, and the Criminal Code is also nearly complete.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—On the 11th at 4.50 a.m. the barometer has fallen over W. Japan and the Loosches and risen over China particularly in the North. The depression which was in the Yangtze Valley yesterday has moved Eastwards and reached S.W. Japan.

An area of high pressure appears to be situated to the North of the Yangtze. Very strong monsoon is expected to set in again over the whole of the China coast by to-morrow, probably of gale force in the Formosa Channel, and the N. part of the China Sea.

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"HAICHING,"  
Captain A. E. Hodgins, will be despatched for the above ports on THURSDAY, the 15th inst., at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAPIKA & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 11th December, 1905. [2796]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"GREGORY APCAL,"  
having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at once, at Consignees' risk and expense.  
Cargo remaining on board after 4 P.M. of the 11th December will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE delivery of their Goods from alongside, such Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

DAVID SASSOON & CO., LD.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 11th December, 1905. [2799]

## "BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

S.S. "BENAVON."

FROM LEITH, ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITTS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods undelivered after the 16th inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 23rd inst., or they will not be recognized.  
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 16th inst. at 11 A.M.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 11th December, 1905. [2797]

AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"MONTROSE,"  
Captain Robt. Glegg, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 17th inst. will be subject to rent.  
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 18th inst. at 2.30 P.M.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 11th December, 1905. [2798]

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. &amp; O. S. N. Co's Steamer

"PALAWAN."

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where such consignment will be sorted out, Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel takes on Cargo—  
From London, &c., &c., Egypt.  
Optional goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 1 P.M. TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 17th inst. at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent.  
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representatives at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,  
Superintendent.  
Hongkong, 11th December, 1905. [1]

## INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

A MEETING of MEMBERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., ST. GEORGE'S BUILDING, TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY, 13th inst., at 5.15 P.M. BUSINESS.—To pass ACCOUNTS, &c.

G. G. MACKIE,  
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.  
Hongkong, 8th December, 1905. [2775]

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

I HAVE this day APPOINTED Messrs. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO. GENERAL MANAGERS for Hongkong for the above Society, in the place of Mr. F. K. KENE, whose engagement has been terminated.

J. T. HAMILTON,  
General Manager for the East.  
Hongkong, 15th November, 1905. [2573]

OCEAN ACCIDENT AND GUARANTEE CORPORATION, LTD.,  
HEAD OFFICE: MOORGATE STREET, LONDON.

I HAVE this day APPOINTED Messrs. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO. AGENTS for the above Corporation, in place of Mr. F. K. KENE, whose engagement has been terminated.

J. T. HAMILTON,  
Manager for the East.  
Hongkong, 15th November, 1905. [2574]

VACANCIES.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the appointments of TWO FEMALE PROBATIONER NURSES, which will be VACANT on the 1st of January next, in the GOVERNMENT CIVIL MEDICAL DEPARTMENT of Hongkong. Applicants must be of BRITISH PARENTAGE and not under Twenty years of age.

Applications, in the handwriting of the applicants, with certificates of character, etc., should be forwarded to the Principal Civil Medical Officer, at the Government Civil Medical Office, not later than Noon of the 23rd inst. Salary, etc., of each appointment—\$187 rising by annual increments of \$20 to \$200 per annum, with uniform, attendance, free furnished quarters and an allowance of \$31 per annum for fuel and light.

Full particulars may be had on application.  
FRANCIS CLARK,  
Principal Civil Medical Officer.  
Government Civil Medical Department,  
Hongkong, 8th December, 1905. [2777]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

No. 69 of 1905.

Re THE WONG CHEUNG KEE Firm, lately carrying on business at No. 218, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, Merchants.

Debtors, Experts, The WING FUNG LUNG Firm, the WING CHUI YUEN Firm, the KWONG MEE LEE Firm, the CHUI LEE Firm, the KAM FUNG MEE Firm, and the PAN CHAN Firm, Creditors.

IN THE MATTER OF A BANKRUPTCY PETITION filed the 24th day of November, 1905.

To THE WONG CHEUNG KEE Firm lately carrying on business at No. 218, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, Merchants.

TAKE NOTICE that a BANKRUPTCY PETITION has been presented against you to the Supreme Court by the WING FUNG LUNG Firm of No. 225, Des Voeux Road West, Victoria, Messrs. Merchants, the WING CHUI YUEN Firm of No. 124, Connaught Road Central, Victoria, Messrs. Merchants, the KWONG MEE LEE Firm of No. 301, Des Voeux Road Central, Messrs. Merchants, the CHUI LEE Firm of No. 2, Eastern Street, Victoria, Messrs. Merchants, the KAM FUNG MEE Firm of No. 114, Connaught Road Central, Messrs. Merchants, and the PAN CHAN Firm of No. 225, Des Voeux Road West, Messrs. Merchants, and the Court has on the 25th day of November, 1905, ordered that the posting of a copy of the said petition and a copy of the order of the Court House door, Victoria, aforesaid, and at No. 218, Des Voeux Road Central, aforesaid, your personal or last known place of business within this Colony and also the publication of this notice in one English and one Chinese newspaper in circulation in this Colony shall be deemed to be service of the petition upon you, and further take notice that the said petition will be heard at this Court on THURSDAY, the 14th day of December, 1905, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, on which day you are required to appear, and if you do not appear the Court may make a receiving order against you in your absence.

The petition can be inspected by you on application at this Court.  
J. W. LEE JONES,  
Deputy Registrar.  
Messrs. BRUTON, HET & GOLDING,  
Nos. 39, 41 and 43, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong.  
Solicitors for the above-named Creditors.  
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## INTIMATIONS

EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY.

By TELEGRAPH.

AFTER EXAMINATION, the Chartered Accountants have certified to the Directors of the EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY of the United States that the Society's ASSETS are realizable as claimed. In all, on 30th September, these Assets amount to \$116,000,000.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1905. [2711]

EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.  
Messrs. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO. General Managers of the above Society, have received from the Society's Head Office the following Telegram—  
"Accountant further certified surplus 67 millions. Financial Condition is unquestionable."  
Hongkong, 6th December, 1905. [2757]

THE CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.  
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 16th December, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts to the 30th April last, and of declaring Dividends. THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 16th December, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.  
JAMES WHITTALL,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 25th November, 1905. [2662]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.  
LOST.

THE SHARE CERTIFICATE No. 3025 for TEN SHARES numbered 17936 to 17945 and 1717 to 1725 inclusive, standing in the Register in the name of EDWARD SHELLIM, of Hongkong, having been LOST, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that unless the said CERTIFICATE be produced at the Office of the Company, 5, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the Seventeenth day of December, 1905, a new Certificate for the said Shares will be issued and the old Certificate will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

A. SHELLIM HOOPER,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 18th November, 1905. [2608]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED, will be held at the Registered Office of the Society No. 1, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong on WEDNESDAY, the 29th day of DECEMBER, 1905, at 12 o'clock Noon when the subject of resolution will be proposed—

"That the Capital of the Society be increased to \$3,100,000 by the creation of 2,400 additional ordinary shares of \$250 each (whereof \$100 shall be credited as 'paid up' ranking for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the existing ordinary shares of the Society; and that the said additional shares, so far as shall be necessary for the purpose, be issued to those shareholders of the CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD., who have accepted or shall accept the Society's offer made to them on the 25th August, 1905, such issue being in accordance with the terms of a contract or memorandum in writing made or to be made pursuant to the said offer and to be filed with the Registrar of Companies; and that the balance, if any, of the said additional shares be disposed of by the Board in such manner as it shall think most beneficial to the Society."

Should the resolution be passed by the required majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a special resolution to a second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated the 7th day of December, 1905.  
By Order of the Board.  
W. J. SAUNDERS,  
Secretary.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undivided CERTIFICATES Nos. N.S. 1653/1654 dated Shanghai 17th July 1900, for FOUR HUNDRED AND THREE SHARES of this Bank registered at the SHANGHAI BRANCH in the name of TONG SHOU PANG (now deceased) have been LOST and should these certificates not be produced before the 29th day of December, 1905, NEW CERTIFICATES for the Shares will be issued by the SHANGHAI BRANCH and the aforesaid Certificates Nos. N.S. 1653/1654 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as NULL and VOID.

No. N.S. 1653 for 50 Shares numbered 49728/37, 32582/91, 29404/42, 59863/69, 15261 and 46998/325.  
No. N.S. 1654 for 50 Shares numbered 38856/75, 65008/17, 69083/92 and 63411/18.  
No. N.S. 1655 for 40 Shares numbered 8535/49, 6546/59, 2372/86 and 69293/97.  
No. N.S. 1656 for 50 Shares numbered 52936/82 and 25932/54.  
No. N.S. 1657 for 25 Shares numbered 37075/99.  
No. N.S. 1658 for 25 Shares numbered 47623/27, 10328/37 and 22006/15.  
No. N.S. 1659 for 25 Shares numbered 47012/11, 16445/52 and 65679/83.  
No. N.S. 1660 for 25 Shares numbered 19521/45.  
No. N.S. 1661 for 25 Shares numbered 19631/40 and 7381/95.  
No. N.S. 1662 for 35 Shares numbered 21637/42, 20590/60, 69518/23, 69576/83 and 63622/24.  
No. N.S. 1663 for 25 Shares numbered 55288/42, 53419/18 and 23474/53.  
No. N.S. 1664 for 25 Shares numbered 65533, 47883/37, 46333/31, 11931/307, 30783/37, 55757/58, 67489/91, 68109 and 68412.

By Order of the Court of Directors.  
J. R. M. SMITH,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 30th November, 1905. [2693]

## INTIMATIONS.

VICTORIA AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.

THE Members of the above Club will give their third performance in the Theatre of St. Patrick's Club, Garden Road (near the Tram Station).

TO-NIGHT (TUESDAY), DEC. 12th, 1905.  
When Boucicault's Famous Irish Drama in three Acts.  
"THE SHAUGHRAUN"  
will be presented.

The Play will also be given on SATURDAY 16th DECEMBER, 1905.  
Doors open at 8 P.M. Commence at 8.30 P.M. sharp. Chairs may be ordered for 11.3 P.M.

Prices: Reserved Seats, 2s; Unreserved \$1. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Seats may be booked at the ROBINSON PIANO Co., Ltd., where plans is on view.  
Hongkong, 5th December, 1905. [2736]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.  
NOTICE.

MEMBERS wishing to have Stabling and Stand accommodation in the enclosure for the forthcoming RACE MEETING are requested to apply to the undersigned on or before Saturday, the 16th December, 1905.

By Order.  
T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Court.  
Hongkong, 11th December, 1905. [2792]

THE SISTERS OF THE FRENCH CONVENT.  
Beg to announce that the ANNUAL BAZAAR AND SALE OF WORK will be held in the Convent, Praya East, from December 11th, to SATURDAY, December 16th.

ELECTRIC TRAM: PANS THE DOOR OF THE CONVENT.  
The Articles on Sale will include beautiful HAND-EMBROIDERED BLOUSES, some FINE LACES, etc., etc., and FRENCH DOLLS.

The Public are earnestly asked to kindly attend and support the Bazaar.  
Hongkong, 11th December, 1905. [2793]

TO LET.  
SEVEN EUROPEAN HOUSES, late F. Blackhead & Co. and Shewan, Tomes & Co.'s Offices. Ground Floors and Top Floors with Godowns can be let separately or together.

Apply to—  
CHUNG SHUN KOO,  
First Floor, No. 10, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, 19th July, 1905. [92]

TO LET.  
NO. 15, KNOTSFORD TERRACE, KOWLOON.  
Apply to—  
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.  
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1905. [2698]

TO LET.  
THE First-floor of YORK BUILDINGS (Opposite Messrs. GATTE & Co.) For Offices.  
Apply to—  
KELLY & WALSH, LD.  
Hongkong, 4th September, 1905. [2051]

TO LET.  
NEW "KINGSCLERE" with Stables and Entrances in both Kennedy and Macdonnell Roads.  
For full particulars, apply to—  
LINSTEAD & DAVIS,  
Alexandra Buildings, 3rd Floor.  
Hongkong, 17th February, 1905. [47]

TO LET.  
DWELLING HOUSES on Polder's Hill. Immediate possession.  
SPACIOUS GODOWNS, formerly known as MacGregor Barracks, fronting the Praya. SECOND FLOOR of No. 6, DES VOGUE ROAD CENTRAL, formerly occupied by the Standard Oil Co. of New York. SECOND FLOOR of VICTORIA BUILDING, formerly occupied by Meyer & Co.

Apply to—  
DAVID SASSOON & CO., LD.  
Hongkong, 2nd September, 1905. [2044]

TO LET.  
NOS. 2, 5, 6, BARROW TERRACE, KOWLOON.  
THREE NEW HOUSES, CASTLE ROAD, HONGKONG.  
Apply to—  
SAM WANG CO., LD.,  
51, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, 12th July, 1905. [1234]

FOR RENT OR SALE.  
RESIDENCE on the Central Avenue, Shamshu, Canton. Occupies a half lot. Well located and suitable for a business firm. Eight Large Rooms, the usual Small Rooms, and two-storied servants' quarters.

Apply to—  
T. R.,  
Care of "China Mail," Hongkong.  
Hongkong, 9th December, 1905. [2789]

TO LET.  
TWO LARGE OFFICES on the First Floor of No. 34, Queen's Road Central, opposite the Post Office. Possession on or after the 10th December, 1905.

Apply to—  
WONG CHEE SANG,  
Care of YEE SANG FAT & Co.  
Hongkong, 30th November, 1905. [2691]

TO LET OR FOR SALE.  
DUNHEVED 33, Robinson Road.

Apply to—  
HO U. MING,  
81, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, 17th June, 1905. [953]

## TO LET

HONGKONG CLUB.

TO LET.

TWO ROOMS on the Ground Floor of the annex, from 1st September next, suitable for Offices. For particulars apply to the undersigned.

C. H. GRACE,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 1st June, 1905. [1350]

TO LET.

NO. 3, GRANVILLE AVENUE, KOWLOON. Electric Light. Immediate possession.  
Apply to—  
HUMPHREYS' ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LD.,  
Hongkong, 20th June, 1905. [1477]

TO LET.

TWO NEW EUROPEAN HOUSES, next but one to "Glenora," Macdonnell Road, each containing 7 Rooms and Bath Rooms, with a well laid out Lawn. Full View of Harbour.  
Apply to—  
CHUNG CHI NAM,  
31, Bonham Strand, West.  
Hongkong, 4th December, 1905. [2725]

TO LET.

SUITABLE for Office, ONE ROOM in Prince's Buildings.  
Apply to—  
LAUTS, WEGENER & CO.,  
Hongkong, 4th March, 1905.

TO LET.

"THE EYRIE," Peak.  
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Apply to—  
LINSTEAD & DAVIS,  
3rd Floor, Alexandra Buildings.  
Hongkong, 8th December, 1905. [1936]

TO LET.

NO. 74, CAINE ROAD.



# SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AT THE ROBINSON PIANO CO., LD.

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IN THE COLONY.

HIRE OR CREDIT.  
Hongkong, 8th December, 1905. 12706

### OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

Many so-called women's complaints can be traced to disorders of the liver, stomach and bowels. A woman's work is more or less sedentary; she does not get the fresh air, the exercise, or the regular hours of rest that a man does, so that the liver becomes sluggish, the system does not get the rest it needs, and there is not a regular motion of the bowels. Constipation is one of the worst dangers a woman has to fear, and the longer it is neglected, the more deeply rooted it becomes. The bowels are swollen and enlarged, thus displacing members of the female organism, and causing stomach pains, difficulty in breathing, windy spasms, headache, vomiting, a feeling of fullness after meals, bloodiness, etc. But men who are constipated suffer from these same symptoms, so that it can be a female trouble. When the constipation is once the distressing complaints will quickly disappear. Doan's Dinner Pills give tone and new vigour to the muscular walls of the colon, and soften the mass of waste matter, so that the bowels act naturally, and discharge the clogging impurities. A box of Doan's Dinner Pills should always be kept in the house, and a dose taken when the bowels have been inactive, or whenever food disagrees, or when there is a feeling of heaviness and discomfort in the region of the stomach. This medicine is purely vegetable, and perfectly harmless for men or women, young and old.

The sufferer from "habitual" constipation should take a regular walk every day, drink plenty of pure water, and breathe deeply, not only while Doan's Dinner Pills are being used, but afterwards, thus no return of the disorder need be feared.

Doan's Dinner Pills are the best medicine for biliousness, indigestion, constipation, for headache, retching, dizziness, distress after eating, poor appetite, yellow eyes, heartburn, wind, and for every liver, stomach and bowel trouble. Doan's Dinner Pills are 1 1/2 lb. box, or 6 boxes for 6/-. Of all chemists and medicine-dealers, or direct from the proprietors, the Foster-McClellan Co., 8, Wells Street, Oxford Street, London, England, post free on receipt of price.

Have you skin diseases? Eczema? Ringworm? Itching Piles? The first application of Doan's Ointment will relieve you, and the Ointment will be found a lasting cure for every form of Itching Skin Complaint. The price of Doan's Ointment is 2/6 a pot, or 13/6 for 6 pots, and it is sold by all chemists, or may be had direct, post free on receipt of price, from the proprietors, the Foster-McClellan Co., 8, Wells Street, Oxford Street, London, England. 73-20.

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### THE REGISTRATION OF PARTNERSHIPS.

The Singapore Free Press of Nov. 28 reports: The Chamber of Commerce at Penang held a meeting on Nov. 27 to consider the Registration of Partnerships Bill.

The meeting decided practically unanimously as follows: "That this meeting approves the general principle of registration of partnerships, but is of opinion that certain provisions require considerable amendment, and thanks the Government for introducing it."

A long letter was submitted from the Singapore Chamber urging the Penang body to cooperate against the bill.

Mr. W. H. Shelford, chairman of the Singapore Chamber, when seen this morning by a representative of the Free Press, remarked, in reply to a question concerning the reasons which had prompted the message to Penang urging cooperation against the Bill, that a circular would shortly be issued and a meeting called. The former would explain precisely the reasons why the Chamber objects. At any rate (and there can be no harm in stating the fact) only three members are not in opposition to the Bill and two of them do not like it, although they think various amendments could be made to it. Mr. Shelford added that it was thought by some people that the big mercantile firms had secret information, &c.; but this he characterised as nonsense. The Bill was objected to by them because it would ruin the trade of the port.

The report on the working of the Bankruptcy Ordinance for 1904 was laid on the table of Council recently. The total revenue of the department was \$14,461 locally and the expenditure practically the same. It is somewhat surprising to see that no less than \$7,392, or nearly one-fifth of the whole expenditure, was paid out over "exchange compensation," and this despite the fact that a sum of \$598.48 was saved under this head. It is however satisfactory to note that, for the second time since its establishment, the department paid its way. The usual table of insolvency in the Colony during the last ten years is appended but the Assignee says: "It is of no more value than in previous years."

In Singapore the question has arisen, whether a bankrupt, who has obtained his discharge with conditions attached, can arrange a composition with his creditors and so obtain annulment of his bankruptcy. The composition actually fell through but has again been proposed. The proper course would appear to be for the Official Assignee, with the consent of the creditors, to sell the unrealized assets to the discharged bankrupt, or anyone else, for such a sum as will with any dividends already declared give the creditors the desired percentage. The case of *Re Beer* (1901) L.A.B. 628 is against the possibility of annulment, except upon payment in full, after discharge.

Yeo Tian Lye has been made bankrupt after paying a composition of 30 per cent. to his creditors, owing to giving a "collusive preference." In March or April, 1902, he settled with his creditors for 30 per cent. but gave the chief creditor promissory notes for the amount of a dishonoured cheque and paid him 30 per cent. of the balance of his claim: it is said that another set of creditors received 50 per cent. later on Yeo Tian Lye sued the chief creditor for the return of his promissory notes; thereupon another Chinese creditor sued Yeo Tian Lye for the 70 per cent. of his claim not yet paid. Both cases went to the court. Yeo Tian Lye paying the chief creditor. But a European creditor had also sued for the 70 per cent. and obtained judgment and brought Yeo Tian Lye into bankruptcy.

There were three prosecutions during the year: In the Bench Court there were two convictions and acquittal. In two cases there were appeals, in one case by the Attorney-General from the acquittal, and in another case by the bankrupt from a conviction, and in each case the judgment of the Bench Court was reversed. In the third case upon an application to review the decision of Magistrates, a sentence of simple imprisonment under Section 101 was altered to one of rigorous imprisonment.

At Penang there were three criminal prosecutions during the year, one of which was a continuation of that against the partners of shop "Ban Kest Hin" (see last year's report). Both the partners were convicted of perjury and sentenced to two years' rigorous imprisonment each. This, it is believed, has had a most salutary effect as the question involved was one of deep interest, the defendants having denied their liability as partners on the ground that their names did not appear in the account books which were also missing. The prosecution alleged that the names in the books represented the accused and, happily, the identity was established beyond all doubt. It is to be hoped that this trick will not be repeated.

The liabilities in estates of debtors against whom receiving orders and administration orders under Sections 98 and 113 were made during the year, amounted to \$1,293,982.42 in Singapore and \$185,934.48 in Penang, according to the statements of affairs submitted by the debtors or made out from their books, or (where no statement of affairs would be made out from the books lodged. The gross assets realized during the year on these estates amounted to \$1,698,330.35 in Singapore and \$33,196.81 in Penang, giving an average of 33.99 and 19.49 per cent. of the liabilities for the two Settlements respectively. The sixty-two Chinese debtors comprised twenty Hokkians, thirteen Teochews, four Can-

tonese, one Khoh, one Hailam, twenty-two Straits born and one Dutch born. The six Indians were four Mahomedan Madrasese, one Mahomedan from Ceylon and one Chitty from Madras. Eight Europeans were three British, three German, one Austrian Jew and one Pole. One of the Amies was Straits-born.

The proportion of trade bankruptcies to the total number of bankruptcies was 65.5 per cent. as against 67 per cent. for 1903 and 74 per cent. for 1902. Of the non-trader bankrupts, no less than 14 were clerks or men in similar positions (eleven Straits-born and one European); three were women (two Straits-born and one European); two were Theatre or Opera proprietors or managers (Straits-born); two were Land speculators (Straits-born—liabilities \$5,664 and \$16,250.96 estimated); and the remainder consisted of a Soldier (\$33,579.78), an Engineer, a Surveyor (\$8,000.76) and a timber-cutter. In 19 of these cases the debtors filed their own petitions. The friends of one debtor paid off his debts (\$28,115.42) outside.

It is a new thing to find gambler-shops brought into bankruptcy. Their assets consist solely of the debts due from plantations (for Jolo or Iloilo) for advances made, and these debts are mostly mortgaged to other parties before bankruptcy. Many of these firms are old-established partnership businesses, which have passed down from father to son, often without the grant of letters of administration. The fall in the price of gutta was at the bottom of two failures and the slump in land brought many into bankruptcy. Business was bad throughout the year and money tight.

In eighteen cases the debtors, or all but sleeping-partners, absconded or were not to be found: in six cases no books of accounts came to hand. The Official Assignee again in many cases consented to receive books brought by creditors before the making of the receiving orders. Where the books disappear with the debtor, little can be done; where the debtors disappear but the books remain, more work is thrown upon the Bankruptcy Office.

Very few of the bankrupts deserve sympathy, whether traders or non-traders. The bankrupts of the latter class mostly continued to borrow or to run up debts long after the time when they should have filed their own petitions. The failures of these traders who did not abscond, were almost all either distinctly fraudulent or characterized by trading with knowledge of insolvency.

The need of the registration of partnerships was fully discussed in my report for last year. A bill is being drafted, and if the mercantile community shows that it is in favour of registration it may be hoped that an Ordinance will be passed. A few of the old European firms consider that they will not be benefited by such a measure; but in what way will they be harmed? Again it has been suggested that if partners have to register, rich Chinamen will cease to invest their capital in trade; but there is more than one way of having money in a firm and getting a share of the profits without becoming a partner, and a Chinaman is the last person to be deterred from investing money in a concern that he expects to pay. Registration would show that such men were not partners; at present the firm gets credit on the strength of reports that such a man has money in the firm.

### THE FLAG IN BUSINESS.

The attempt to use the trade of the Philippines as an indirect subsidy for the American merchant marine is not working as its promoters could have hoped. The companies operating American steamers on the inter-island routes complain that foreign lines are poaching on their preserves by cutting rates between the principal island ports and Hongkong. Observe malevolent energy of the demon of free trade. The foreign ships could not carry freight between the islands' ports and Manila—that is a matter that can be regulated by an all-wise Congress. But they cannot be prevented from taking it to Hongkong, and so the net result of our attempt to monopolize the trade for our ships is that we not only fail to get it for our ships, but we give it to a foreign port at the expense of our own. The merchants of the Philippines have another grievance on a similar subject. They say that, owing to the anxiety of our postal authorities to confine the carriage of the mails to American vessels, letters sent from San Francisco on July 21st reached Manila ten days after a consignment dispatched from Vancouver on the 23rd. For this delay of nearly two weeks the Second Assistant Postmaster-General considers the business men of Manila by telling them that "the Post Office Department is controlled to some extent by a spirit of patriotism." "It," he remarks, "the good folks in the Philippines who are complaining would stir up their patriotism a little bit. I think they would appreciate the position of the Post-Office Department and be satisfied." The old flag and an appropriation for the Pacific Manila Steamship Company are better than prompt mail deliveries.—*Collier's Weekly*.

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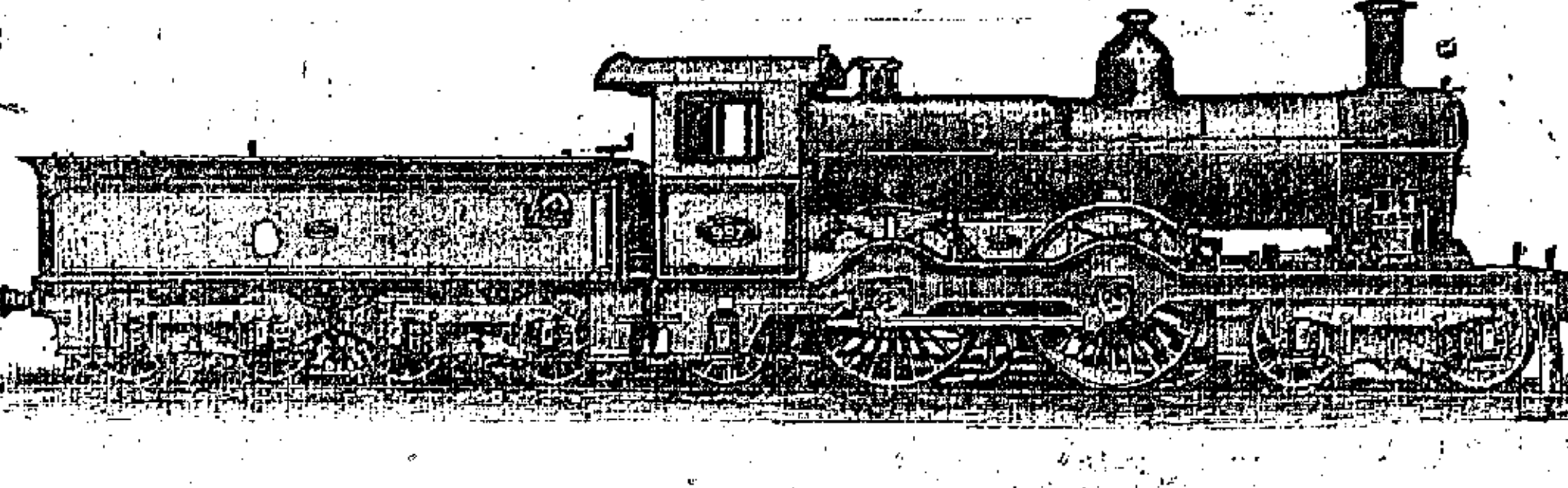
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